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GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL

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ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL FOR TWO-DAY'S DEA EXECUTIVE PROGRAM
CONSULTATIONS WASHINGTON FOR GOC ATTORNEY GENRAL JAIME SERRANO
RUEDA. SERRANO WILL BE ATTENDING UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE
IN NEW YORK JANUARY 31, THRU FEBRUARY 11. HE WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO VISIT WASHINGTON ENROUTE BACK TO COLOMBIA FEBRUARY 14
AND 15. SUGGEST MAXIMUM PER DIEM FOR CABINET-LEVEL VISITOR.
NO TRAVEL FUNDING NECESSARY.

1. COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL (PROCURADOR GENERAL)
JAIME SERRANO WILL BE TRAVELING TO NEW YORK NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND
TWO-WEEK UN-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS.
HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE FOR CONSULTATIONS
IN WASHINGTON WITH RANKING USG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH IN-
TERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL.

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2. DEPARTMENT AND DEA WILL RECALL THAT SERRANO WAS INVITED TO
VISIT US AND MEXICO UNDER DEA EXECUTIVE PROGRAM IN MARCH
1976. HE WAS OBLIGED TO CANCEL THAT VISIT BECAUSE OF THE PRESS
OF LEGAL BUSINESS DURING 1976 COLOMBIAN CONGRESSIONAL SESSION.

3. AS ATTORNEY GENERAL, SERRANO ACTS AS ATTORNEY IN FACT
FOR GOC. HIS OFFICE HANDLES ALL LITIGATION WHERE COLOMBIAN

GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED PARTY, INCLUDING CRIMINAL NARCOTICS PROSECUTIONS. SERRANO AND HIS ASSISTANT FOR JUDICIAL POLICE MATTERS HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH MISSION, STATE AND JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS IN ARRANGING SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGES OF EVIDENCE IN NARCOTICS CASES BETWEEN US AND COLOMBIAN PROSECUTORS. AS A RESULT, COLOMBIAN COURTS WILL NOW ACCEPT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE DEVELOPED BY U.S. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS. IN FACT, SUCH EVIDENCE CAN AND DOES FORM BASIS FOR INDICTMENT AND TRIAL OF COLOMBIAN NATIONALS UNDER GOC NARCOTICS STATUTES. IN ADDITION, ATTORNEY GENERAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMBINED DAS, F-2 AND CUSTOMS NARCOTICS UNITS STATIONED AT ALL MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AND TARGETED MAINLY AGAINST COCAINE COURIERS TRAVELING TO U.S. IN SUM, SERRANO PLAYS KEY ROLE IN ASSURING SMOOTH FUNCTIONING OF COOPERATIVE US-GOC NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS.

4. RECOMMEND THAT SERRANO MEET IN WASHINGTON WITH RANKING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING DEA DIRECTOR AND IF POSSIBLE ATTORNEY GENERAL. AT DEPARTMENT HE SHOULD MEET WITH TOP ARA OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NARCOTICS AND WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL. ALSO RECOMMEND CALLS ON DIRECTOR US CUSTOMS AND DIRECTOR OF NIDA, IF TIME PERMITS.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE PRIORITY RESPONSE ALL ABOVE IN ORDER FORMALLY INVITE DR. SERRANO TO PARTICIPATE IN DEA EXECUTIVE PROGRAM PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK ON JANUARY 30. WHILE IN NEW YORK, SERRANO CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH COLOMBIAN UN MISSION.

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